Bessemer City
NORTH CAROLINA EST.1893
City with a Heart

October 2024
City Newsletter



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Trunk-or-Treat

Bessemer City Parks and Recreation Department invites you to our Community-Wide Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26 from 10 am to 12 pm in Downtown Bessemer City. This family friendly event will offer trick-or-treating, games and fun! This is a free event and open to the public. Do not forget to wear your costume and bring your friends and family!

Trunks Needed! Local businesses, groups or organizations are welcome to set up and hand out candy and goodies to youth and families. If interested please fill out application at bessemercity.com/trunk-or-treat/ or call (704) 629-5111.

Location: Downtown Bessemer City 100th block of West Virginia Avenue.

For more information please contact Bessemer City Parks and Recreation Department (704) 629-5111.





Upcoming Event

Christmas in the City (Parade and Tree Lighting)

Sunday, November 24th 2024 from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM, Downtown

VENDORS

This year's festival will include food vendors and non-profit vendors! We also invite you to visit downtown businesses

ACTIVITIES

Face Painting
Santa Claus
Special Characters

ENTERTAINMENT

Bessemer City Middle School Band Performance 3:30 pm-4:00 pm (Main Stage)

PARADE

We invite you for the 2024 Annual Christmas Parade! This year's parade will take place on Sunday, November 24th, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

The parade will include a variety of entries and entertainment! We are pleased to announce the 2023 Ponytails/ 2024 Belles Dixie Youth Softball World Series Champions as the Christmas Parade Grand Marshal.

TREE LIGHTING

Capture the magic of the season in Downtown with our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting to take place on Sunday, November 24th, 2024 at 6:00 pm or following the end of parade. Bring the family to enjoy caroling, fellowship, photos and fun.

NOTICE: Please note the parade will start on North 14th Street, turn left onto West Virginia Avenue (downtown), and then turn left onto North 8th Street ending at Kevin Millwood Park.

For More information, visit bessemercity.com/citc/

Get Involved! Make a Difference!



A community's success is only possibly with citizen engagement!

Join local civic, non-profit, and city-affiliated organizations to help shape the future of Bessemer City! Your voice, skills, and passion are needed to build a stronger, more vibrant community.

Get involved today—together, we can create positive change!

The City is partnering with local organizations to encourage citizen involvement!

Complete the Contact Form at the link below and let us know what you're interested in!

https://bessemercity.com/contact/

Potential Areas for Citizen Engagement

- Downtown Development
- Parks and Recreation
- History
- Public Arts
- Economic Development and Commerce
- Education
- Community Assistance
- Health and Wellness
- Walkability
- Public Safety
- Cultural Events
- Senior Programs
- Youth Sports and Programs
- Planning and Development
- Conservation and Environmental

City Calendar

Events & Programs:

Senior Bingo* (Community Center)
Monday, October 21, 2024
*Tickets Required for Bingo: contact (704) 629-5111 for details

Trunk-or-Treat (Downtown)
Saturday, October 26, 2024 10:00 am -12:00 pm

Important Reminders:

City Utility Bill Due
Thursday, October 10, 2024

Bessemer City Fire Department BBQ Sale
Friday, November 8th, 2024 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday, November 9th, 2024 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
*Plates: $10
(Delivery for 10 or more plates)
Call (704) 629-5396 to order



Public Meetings:

Bessemer City Planning Board/BOA (City Hall)
Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm

City Council Regular Session (City Hall)
Monday, October 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Bessemer City Parks & Recreation Board (Community Center)
Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Bessemer City Downtown Development (City Hall)
Thursday, October 31, 2024 at 9:00 am

Bessemer City ABC Board (ABC Store)
Monday, October 28, 2024 at 5:00 pm

City Council Work Session (City Hall)
Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 3:00 pm

What's New?

Did you know City Council Regular Meetings are now lived streamed on YouTube Live? Visit:

https://bessemercity.com/city-council-meetings/

WASTE COLLECTION REMINDERS

Bessemer City and Waste Pro would like to remind you to not overfill or place trash beside carts



Per City ordinance 54.22, every person owning or occupying a single- and/or multi-family residential unit shall store all garbage inside the 96-gallon roll-out cart provided by the City's contractor (Waste Pro). This will eliminate wind driven debris and unsightly litter in and about residential and business premises. Items such as sticks, yard clippings, leaves, and the like should NOT be placed in your cart.

Additional containers, if needed, may be requested from the Finance Department by calling (704) 629-5542.

Customers should bag all garbage before placing it in the garbage roll out cart. Loose garbage can scatter during the collection process and litter your property and neighborhood streets. The City and Waste Pro are not responsible for garbage that scatters during the collection process. Please be sure that your household is not overfilling your trash container. Trash bags left beside trash carts will not be collected. All trash must be placed directly in the bin. The lid should always be closed . An open lid is a sign that you may have overfilled your cart. **Fines may be assessed if excessive trash is left next to your bin**.

Violations of this section shall be a misdemeanor as provided in G.S. 14-4 or a civil penalty.

Other Reminders

1. Cans must be out by 7:00 am (We recommend putting them out the night before your scheduled pickup day).
2. Cans should not be overfilled and items should fit in the trash can. Packing the can to tight may result in the can not being fully emptied.
3. Lids should be completely closed.
4. Bags placed beside cans or loose trash will not be picked up.

Development Updates

Edgewood 85 Commerce Park: a 1,000,000 square foot industrial park scheduled to start in 2024 located off of Edgewood Road in Bessemer City.

Lennar Homes: a 162 unit single family home project located off Costner School Road. The site is currently under construction with phase 1, including over 30 homes.

Stewart Crossings: a 99 unit single family home project located off Costner School Road. The site is currently being evaluated and engineering plans are being reviewed. This planned project will be located off of Costner School Rd directly behind the Ashley Park subdivision. This project is expected to have a pedestrian access bridge connecting residents to Stinger Park. This project may start in 2024.

Surf and Turf Townhome Project: in 2021, City Council approved a 91 unit townhome project located off N. 14th St. beside of Surf and Turf Lodge on both sides. At this time, the project is expected to start in late 2024 or early 2025.

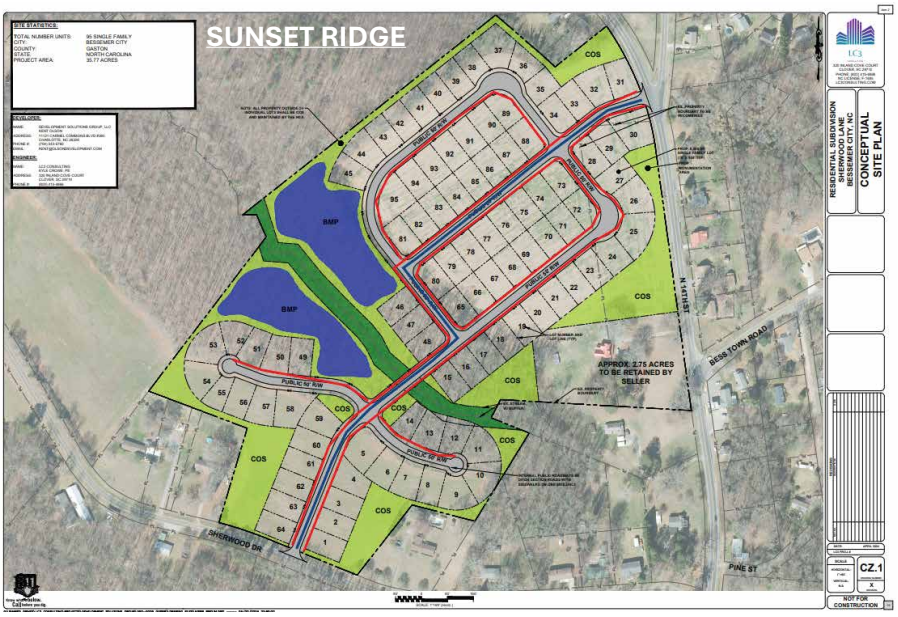
Yellow Jacket Ln Townhomes: a developer is planning to construct 62-69 townhomes at the corner of Yellow Jacket Ln and Besstown Rd. This property is currently zoned as Urban Residential (UR). The developer is requesting to rezone the property to Urban Residential- Conditional District (UR-CD). This project went back to the Planning Board in May and received unanimous recommendation. City Council voted to approved the rezoning request at the May 2024 Regular City Council Meeting.

The Towns at Bessemer City: a developer is planning to construct 19, three story, townhomes at the corner of E. Virginia Ave. and N. 8th Street across from the Pet Hospital between Virginia Avenue and the railroad track.

NEW: Sunset Ridge: a developer is proposing to construct 93 single family homes off of Sherwood Road and North 14th Street for a new subdivision, Sunset Ridge. This project is requesting to rezone property from Neighborhood Residential (NR) and Rural (R) to Urban Residential- Conditional District (UR-CD). This proposal went to the Planning Board on Monday, August 5th, 2024 and Tuesday, September 2, 2024. At both meetings the Planning Board recommended the project with various conditions. City Council held a public hearing for the rezoning request on Monday, September 9, 2024. Council will vote on the rezoning on Monday, October 14th, 2024 at the Regular City Council Meeting.

NEW: Parkview Commons: a developer is proposing to construct 23 single family homes off of North 12th Street between Helen Avenue and Stinger Parkway. A rezoning request is required for the proposed development, Neighborhood Residential (NR) to Neighborhood Residential- Conditional District (NR-CD). The Planning Board will hear about the project at the October 7, 2024 Planning Board Meeting and provide a recommendation on the project. A Public Hearing and vote will be scheduled for a later date.





For More Information About Development Projects, visit:

https://bessemercity.com/development-projects/

Reminders from the Development Services Department

The Development Services Department would like to remind citizens and businesses that the City's Land Development Code (LDC) regulates the placement and type of accessory structures, fences, and signs. Permits are required to ensure that the regulations of the Land Development Code (LDC) are follows.

More information about the Land Development Code (LDC) can be found at:

https://bessemercity.com/planning-zoning/



Examples
- Storage Buildings
- Detached Garage or Carport
- Gazebo
- Decks

LDC Section 3.2 B
Accessory Structures



Examples
- Monument Signs
- Pole Signs
- Directional Signs
- Building Signs

LDC Section 3.8
Signs



Examples
- Aluminum
- Vinyl
- Chain-Linked
- Wood

LDC Section 3.5.H.
Fences, Walls, and Berms

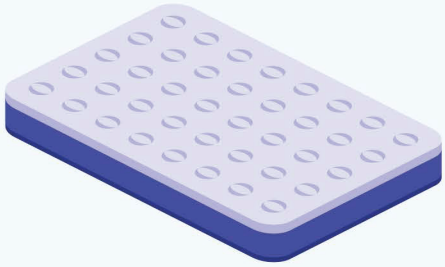
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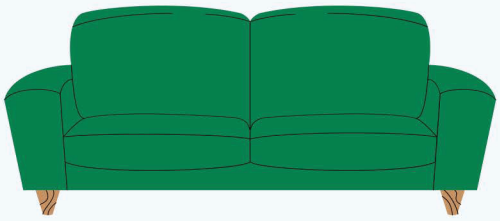
BULK COLLECTION

Effective September 1, 2024

Call to Schedule and Pay
980-255-3800

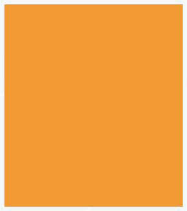














WASTE PRO®
Caring For Our Communities®

- Rates for Bulk Collection $35.00 for up to three (3) items.
- Additional items $15 each.
- Maximum of five (5) items per resident, per week.

General Reminders from the City

Utility Payments: Utility bills are due the 10th of each month. Late fees are assessed on the 11th (15%) and utility cut off occurs after the 19th of the month. The City provides multiple options for utility payment:

In-Person: cash, check, debit and credit (note- 3% merchant fee applies for debit and credit payments) are accepted at the City Hall Annex during business hours (M-F 8am-12:30 pm & 1:30pm-5:00pm)

Drop Box: cash, money order, and checks can be placed in the night-drop box outside of City Hall Annex. Please include account number and address with payment.

Drive-Thru: cash, check, money orders and credit payments can be accepted at the City Hall Annex drive-thru during business hours (M-F 8am-12:30 pm & 1:30 pm-5pm)

Online Bill Pay: debit and credit payments are accepted through our online bill pay system ($2 + 3% merchant fee). Visit us online at www.bessemercity.com for details.

ACH Draft Payments: setup automatic ACH payments with your financial institution with the City. The City and its third-party administrator does not charge for this service.

Code Enforcement: The City's Code Enforcement Division works diligently to address all code violations in accordance to local ordinances and North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS). To report a violation, please call (704) 629-5542 and select option 4.

For more information on City codes, including the Code of Ordinances and Land Development Code (LDC), visit:

bessemercity.com/administration/city-codes/

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132 West Virginia Avenue
Bessemer City, NC 28016
City Hall: (704) 629-5542
Police (non-emergency): (704) 629-2235

City Hall Annex
125 East Virginia Avenue
Bessemer City, NC 28016
(704) 629-5542

Bessemer City Fire Department
119 West Washington Avenue
Bessemer City, NC 28016
(704) 629-5396

Allan Farris Community Center
220 South 14th Street
Bessemer City, NC 28016
(704) 629-5111

Kiser Senior Center
123 West Pennsylvania Avenue
Bessemer City, NC 28016
(704) 729-6465

J.V. Tarpley Water Treatment Plant
298 Logan Street
Bessemer City, NC 28016
(704) 629-5542

Bessemer City Public Works
405 North 9th Street
Bessemer City, NC 28016
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